| Sl. No. | Name of State/UT | Commodities for which MIS implemented |
|---|---|---|
| 10. | Maharashtra | Onion |
| 11. | Meghalaya | Ginger, Potato |
| 12. | Mizoram | Ginger, Hatkora, Passion Fruit |
| 13. | Punjab | Potato, Grapes, Kinoo, Malta |
| 14. | Rajasthan | Kinoo, Malta, Onion, Garlic, Orange, Coriander seed, Cumin seed |
| 15. | Sikkim | Ginger, Cabbage |
| 16. | Tripura | Pineapple |
| 17. | Uttar Pradesh | Potato, Apples, Kinoo, Malta |
| 18. | Uttarakhand | Apples, Malta |
| 19. | West Bengal | Potato |

**Payment for compensation to affected farmers in Rajasthan**

1180. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government is considering the request of Rajasthan regarding release of balance Central Government's share of Rs. 26.13 crores for payment of compensation to affected farmers of Kharif, 2005 under NAIS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): There is no pending balance amount of Central Government's share pertaining to claims of farmers of Rajasthan for Kharif 2005 under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

**Production of onion**

†1181. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of onion is increasing continuously in the country from the year 2004-05 to the month of March, 2006-07;

(b) if so, the rate of increase in production in the above said each year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that export of onion has also increased continuously in the above said years in the country;

(d) if so, the rate of increase of export in the above said each year; and

(e) the average purchase price for domestic common consumers at national level in the country in above said each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) As per data compiled by the National Horticulture Board, the production of onion in the country and the rate of increase from 2004-05 to 2006-07 are as follows:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| Year | Production (in lakh tonnes) | Percentage change |
|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 77.61 | 23.8 |
| 2005-06 | 92.48 | 19.16 |
| 2006-07 | 88.51 | (-)4.29 |

(c) and (d) As per data compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, the export of onion from the country and the rate of increase from 2004-05 to 2006-07 are as follows:

| Year | Export (in lakh tonnes) | Increase |
|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 8.70 | 4.44 |
| 2005-06 | 9.60 | 10.34 |
| 2006-07 | 11.63 | 21.14 |

(e) Average purchase prices of onion for domestic common consumers at national level are not compiled.

However, the average retail prices of onion compiled by the Department of Consumer Affairs at important centres in the country at the given points of time are as follows:

| Centre | Retail Prices of Onion (Rs. per Kg.) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | As on 22/11/07 | A month back 22/10/07 | 3 months back 22/8/07 | 1 year back 22/11/06 |
| Delhi | 14.00 | 22.00 | 23.00 | 9.00 |
| Mumbai | 18.00 | 19.00 | 17.00 | 13.00 |
| Kolkata | 15.00 | 20.00 | 16.00 | 10.00 |
| Chennai | 14.00 | 14.00 | 14.00 | 6.00 |

**Possibility of more yield of wheat**

†1182. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that yield of wheat is likely to be more among the kharif crops in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity by which the produce is likely to be more;

(c) whether Government has considered to give incentive for production of wheat besides incentive regarding procurement at the rate of rupees 1000 per quintal support price of wheat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Wheat is a Rabi season crop. Sowing of wheat for the crop year 2007-08 is in progress. Yield of wheat could be known after its harvest.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

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